



Docket No. F-7925

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXAMINING GROUP 3747**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hideaki TODOROKI
Serial No. : 10/659,780
Filed : August 27, 2003
For : IGNITION DEVICE FOR IMPROVING IGNITION SPARK INTENSITY FOR A PLUG CORD FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND DIRECT IGNITION SYSTEM FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE, AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING THE SAME
Group Art Unit : 3747
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of August 11, 2004, entry of the present amendments is respectfully requested.

6 and discloses in column 2, line 62 *et seq.*, that the cathode 3 is the outermost structure of the device.

In comparing the new independent claims to Hayashi, Hayashi fails to teach a body in which the cathode is substantially housed. Accordingly, Hayashi fails to teach each limitation of each new independent claim and a rejection of the new claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) would be improper. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987) (to anticipate a claim, each claim element must be taught in the prior art reference).

Four further independent claims in excess of three are added. Accordingly, please charge the fee of \$352.00 (\$88.00 x 4) to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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